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SPORTS ♦ Special teams, SIU quarterback give Panthers fits: page 12

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## Panthers defeated at home playoffs

### OVC champs fail to advance against SIU

BY DAN WOIKE  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Panthers' 21-6 loss to Southern Illinois in the first round of the Division I-AA playoffs at O'Brien Stadium Saturday can be attributed to one word — opportunity.

Both teams had chances to score, and only one team could convert.

The No. 8 Salukis got three touchdown runs from junior running back Arkee Whitlock as they advance to play at Appalachian State Saturday. All three scores came from inside the Panthers' 10-yard line.

The Salukis advanced past the first round of the playoffs for the first time in 22 years, while Eastern lost its fifth-straight postseason game. The Panthers last advanced in 1989.

While Southern Illinois capitalized on trips



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Junior wide receiver Ryan Voss reaches for a dropped pass during Saturday's Division I-AA playoff game at O'Brien Stadium. The Panthers lost their fifth consecutive postseason game to the Southern Illinois. Voss had three catches for 39 yards in the loss.

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## High heels for hurricane victims

### AIDS shelter destroyed by storm to receive drag show donations

BY MATT POLI  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Men donning skirts and makeup will help EIU Pride promote diversity awareness while helping those in need during this year's DIVA Drag Show.

For the third year in a row, the organization will host the show to bring more cultural diversity to Eastern's campus, said DIVA coordinator Bill Kolacek.

"It's a form of artistry that hasn't been seen at Eastern or Charleston before 2003," Kolacek said.

EIU Pride will donate a portion of the event proceeds to Project Lazarus House, an AIDS shelter in New Orleans that was devastated by Hurricane Katrina, said Erich Voigt, EIU Pride publicity director.

"(DIVA Drag Show) has brought the campus awareness of World AIDS Day and has served to educate students about gay issues and stereotypes," Voigt said.

All of the performers have participated in this event in the past, with the exception of Esmerelda La Shea and Tasha, and they all hail from the Zim Marss Restaurant and Bar in Terre Haute, Ind.

"It is a requirement that the performers have won at least one pageant," Kolacek said.

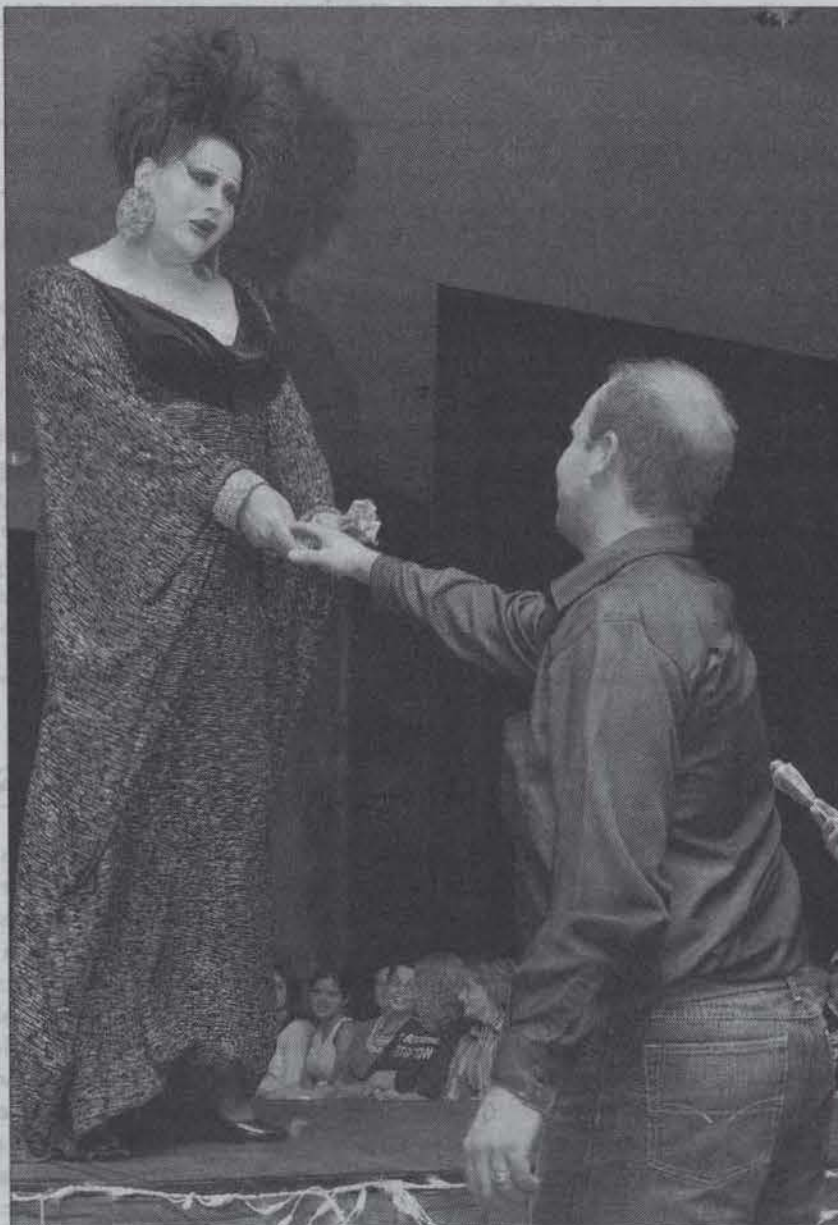
These queens are no amateurs. Performer Anastacia DeMoore has earned the distinct title of 2005 Miss Gay Indiana and Esmerelda La Shea was named the 2005 Miss Indiana Newcomer.

In all their years of experience, most of the performers agreed Eastern hosts one of the best shows to perform, Kolacek said.

Even though students do not perform in the show, they still choose to get involved in their own ways by dancing, singing along or tossing dollar bills at the performers, Voigt said.

EIU Pride is hoping for a big turnout this year, as it has attracted around 650-700 people during past shows.

The third annual DIVA Drag Show will be held at 8 p.m. tonight in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. General admission is \$3. Reserved seating is available for \$5 in advance by calling 581-7693 before 4 p.m. today.



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Miss Terre Haute accepts a dollar from an audience member at the Divas 2004 show in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



ADAM HOWELL  
STUDENT SENATE  
SPEAKER

"It's time for others to get experience running for the position...I don't think I could top this semester."

## Howell not running for second term

BY LAUREN MOORE  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

After four years, Adam Howell will not be returning to Student Senate.

Howell, who has served as speaker of the Senate this semester, decided to not run a second time for the position.

"I'm not really resigning," Howell said. "I'm just not running again."

Student Senate speaker is an elected position among the senate members, and Howell describes it as the "general manager of the legislative branch."

"As speaker, you have to make sure senators are focused, understand their jobs and you have to set the tone or atmosphere for the other senators," Howell said. "Keeping everyone positive and the least stressed as possible is important."

Although the speaker of the Senate runs the meetings, Howell said he believes it to be more of a guiding position.

Howell said a good speaker will be "someone who encourages their senators and someone who is always there for them. It's important that your door is always open so you can do everything you can to make your

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### CAMPUS BRIEFS

## Eastern digs into lecture

STAFF REPORT

Eastern's sociology and anthropology departments will sponsor a lecture on "Archaeology and the Rise of Complex Societies and the Andes" at 9 a.m. in Booth Library Room 3202. Eva Pajuelo from the University of Illinois will give the presentation. Discoveries of human sacrifices and tombs have brought public awareness to the Andean region of South America during the past 20 years. Pajuelo's lecture will focus on the rise of state-level societies in the region, advances and problems facing area archaeologists and comparisons to other cultures in the Americas.

### Study Abroad Fair

Students have an opportunity to collect information and ask questions about study abroad options to be offered to students during 2006 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union University Ballroom. Short-term, long-term and faculty-led programs will be presented at the fair.

For more information, students can attend informational sessions held periodically in the Lawson Hall basement. The next session is scheduled for 4 p.m. Tuesday. The Study Abroad Office is located in Lawson Hall Rooms 216 and 217.

## BACK TO SCHOOL



JAY GRABIEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sarita Desai, a freshman psychology major, moves into Carman Hall on Sunday afternoon with six bags, one suitcase and a laundry basket full of winter clothing. Desai said it was nice to be home in Springfield, and she can't wait for winter break.

### COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

## College creates 'crude' teachings

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LARAMIE, Wyo. — Ashley Lantz had no idea what her major would be back when she was a freshman at Colorado School of Mines, but she liked the idea of living in exotic places.

Lantz, 23, decided on petroleum engineering. Now she's on the vanguard of the "Great Crew Change" as companies seek to replace an entire

generation who entered the industry during the last oil boom.

With pay starting at \$50,000 to \$60,000 and a healthy supply of jobs, a result of booming natural gas drilling in Wyoming and other states, and to a wave of retirements in the profession, enrollment in undergraduate petroleum engineering is up 46 percent nationwide since 2002.

"Every company that I've talked to

says they simply can't get enough petroleum engineering staff for their projects. They're just crying out for people," said Brian Towler, head of the Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering at the University of Wyoming.

The University of Wyoming is getting on board by bringing back the undergraduate petroleum engineering major after a four-year hiatus.

### WTF?

## \$200,000 worth of Lego sets stolen

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Ore. — Agents had to use a 20-foot truck to cart away the evidence from a suspect's house, mountains of Lego bricks.

William Swanberg, 40, of Reno, Nev., was indicted by a grand jury Wednesday, accused of stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of the colorful plastic building blocks from area Target stores.

Target estimates Swanberg stole up to \$200,000 worth of the brick sets from their stores in Oregon, Utah, Arizona, Nevada and California.

The Legos were resold on the

Internet, officials said.

Attempts to reach Swanberg at a county jail, where he was being held on \$250,000 bail, were unsuccessful. It wasn't known if he had an attorney.

Swanberg is accused of switching the bar codes on Lego boxes, replacing an expensive one with a cheaper label, said Detective Troy Dolyniuk, a member of the Washington County fraud and identity theft enforcement team. Police haven't said if he found a way to create fake labels or how he was able to manipulate codes.

Target officials contacted police after noticing the same pattern at their stores in the five western states.

A Target security guard stopped Swanberg at a Portland-area store Nov. 17, after he bought 10 boxes of the Star Wars Millennium Falcon set.

In his car, detectives found 56 of the Star Wars sets, valued at \$99 each, as well as 27 other Lego sets. In a laptop found inside Swanberg's car, investigators also found the addresses of numerous Target stores in the Portland area, their locations carefully plotted on a mapping software.

Records of the Lego collector's Web site, Bricklink.Com, show that Swanberg has sold nearly \$600,000 worth of Legos since 2002, Dolyniuk said.

### TODAY'S EVENTS

#### Final exams

Finals will be given the week of Dec. 12-16. The schedule can be found at <http://www.eiu.edu/~registra/fafinals.html>.

#### Toy Drive

Through Dec. 9 | Toys for Tots will accept new, unwrapped toys in more than 40 locations throughout campus. Items will go to underprivileged children of Coles County and surrounding areas.

#### Early Bird Contracting

Through Dec. 16 | On-campus housing Early Bird Contracting begins today and runs through Dec. 16. Participants will receive 100 Dining Dollars upon move in for Fall 2006 semester.

Housing & Dining Services

### ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers "How did you find out Eastern lost its Division I-AA playoff game against Southern Illinois University of Carbondale?"

- A) I came back early to see it at O'Brien Stadium.
- B) I checked the score on the Internet.
- C) A friend informed me.
- D) I just found out by reading this.

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# Student by day, Mom by night

By CINDY TANNEY  
ADMINISTRATION REPORTER

## Heather

Heather Ferguson squealed as she rummaged through a plastic sack.

"Aw! It's so cute!" she said with wide eyes.

Her mouth molded into a subtle smile as she unfolded a miniature pink satin dress with a matching sequin butterfly stitched to the waistline. She held it up in the air in front of her. Her eyes filled with tears.

The dress, along with other infant-sized outfits, was a gift from her adviser.

Ferguson, a 19-year-old freshman special education major, described herself as being like every other woman her age.

"I'm only different because I'm pregnant," she said.

An avid reader and gory movie fan, Ferguson is taking 12 credit hours and living in a female residence hall at Eastern.

"I thought no one would accept me because I was pregnant," she said. "But they did."

Three girls from her dorm floor exclaimed in unison, "Aw!" when Ferguson showed them the tiny pink dress.

Ferguson learned she would be a mother one week after she graduated from high school. Despite some reluctance and anxiety, she decided to stick to her plan of attending Eastern, but she would also raise a child alone, she said.

Ferguson was raised by a single mother who she considers a role model. She also listed her grandmother, best friend, aunt and Oprah Winfrey as role models.

"They've been through so much in life, and they never gave up," Ferguson said.

Ferguson described herself as an average student, earning mostly Cs and Bs.

"My grades are all right, but I know I can do better," she said.

Next semester, Ferguson will move to the University Apartments. She expects to give birth to her baby girl in February.

Ferguson has received financial aid to help pay for her tuition and student fees this semester. Now, she is concerned with finding proximate childcare and more financial assistance next semester, she said.

"I know I'm going to need help," she said.

Ferguson has sought advice from other student parents on campus through a group known as the Eastern Student Parent Association.

The association is a recognized student organization with a mission to "promote the academic and social welfare of Eastern student parents." The group, which formed in October 2004, is currently comprised of 18 members.

## Theresa

Theresa Lindsay wanted to quit.

During her first week as a full-time Eastern student, she fantasized about dropping her classes, packing up her belongings and returning to her family in Decatur.

"I didn't know anyone," she said. "It was really frustrating when the majority of people are not like you."

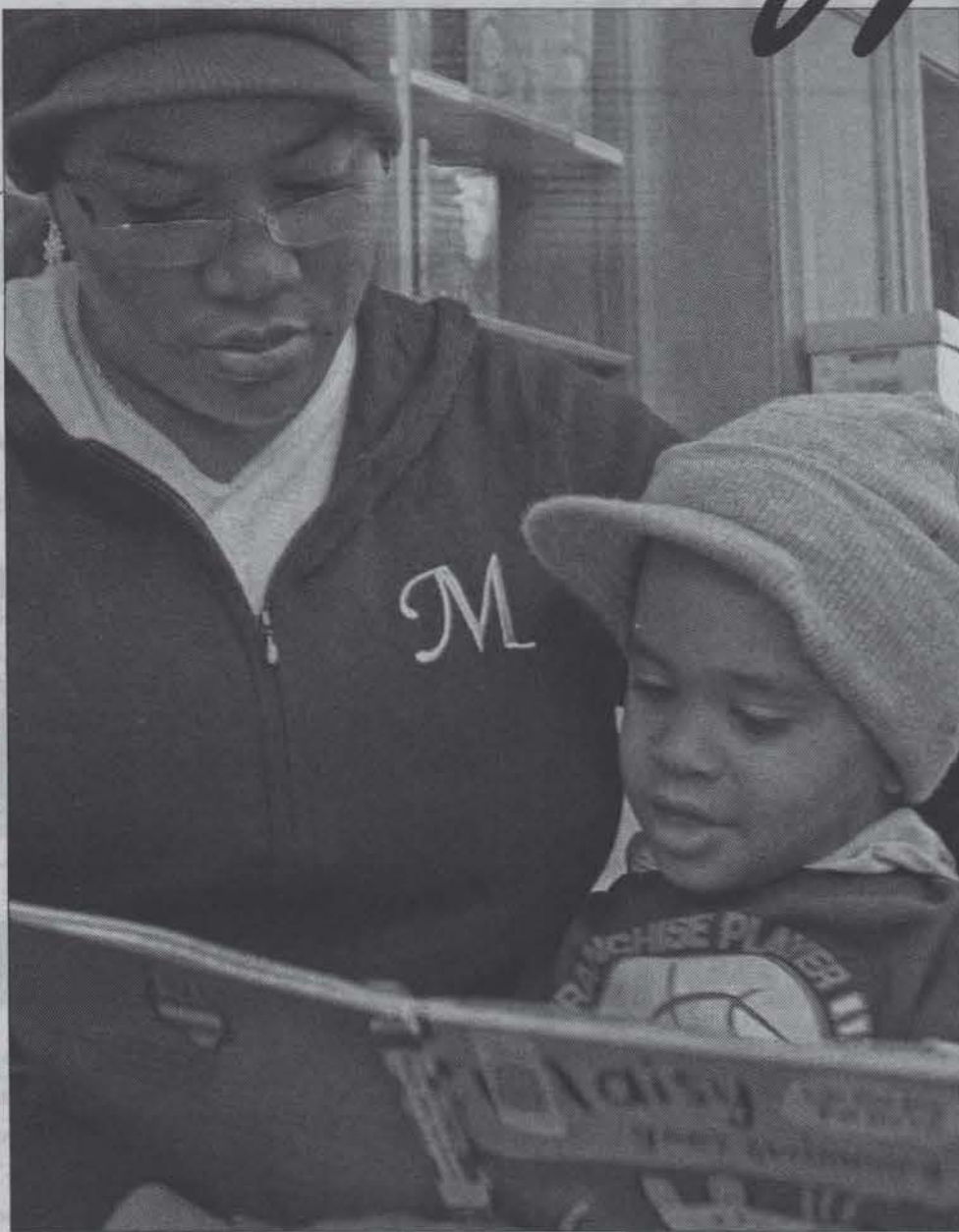
Lindsay and her 6-year-old son, Isaiah, moved into a one-bedroom apartment at University Apartments last August.

"He missed my mom and my brother and his family. He missed having his own room, she said. "I missed having my own room, too."

Lindsay's decision to attend Eastern was originally based on providing more for her son.

"We want our kids to have more than we did. It's something natural," she said.

Lindsay is the president of the Eastern Student Parent Association. She credits this group, which she helped found, for her success at Eastern so far.



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior Communication Studies major Melissa Bell reads with her 4-year-old son, Aaron, in the children's section of the Booth Library Sunday evening.

## Student parents at Eastern live life below survey radar

The total number of student parents enrolled at Eastern is unknown.

It is not categorized under student demographic data, according to Brenda Major, director of Admissions; Jone Zieren, director of the Financial Aid Office and Amy Edwards, assistant director of Planning and Institutional Studies.

However, William Hine, dean of the School of Continuing Education, speculated that the majority of the 1,300 students taking on-campus evening classes are single parents.

Seventy percent of students in the School of Continuing Education are women, he said.

Eastern's School of Continuing Education offers classes off campus, online and during the evening for nontraditional students who are 25 years old or older.

"These students tend to be very time-management focused and either study at the same time their children do, which sets a wonderful example, or set aside time after children go to bed to complete their coursework," said Brenda Tennill, School of Continuing Education administrative aide.

Studies show that the GPA of student parents are the same or higher than those of traditional students. Specifically, 70 to 80 percent of students enrolled in the School of Continuing Education's bachelor of arts in general studies program have a GPA of 3.5 or above, Hine said.

More than 30 children live on campus at University Apartments, and the majority are members of single-parent families, said Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining Services.

"University Apartments are the only university housing area we have for families," he said. "The halls are just not set up to be conducive to family living."

The one-bedroom campus apartments also house students who are married, nontraditional or enrolled in graduate school.

Residents rent the apartments with no additional charge if they have a child living there, Hudson said.

Eastern Health Service is required to treat only registered students and cannot see students' children.

"We are student-fee funded. Therefore, we only treat those that have paid student fees," said Eric Davidson, associate director of Health Services.

Parents, both students and non-students, can receive more information about local child care providers and financial assistance through Eastern's Child Care Resource and Referral Office in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences in Klehm Hall Room 1325. The office is part of the Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies and is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services.

"What we hopefully do is give enough information to make the best decision," said Donna Coonce, child care resource specialist for the Child Care Resource and Referral Office.

Approximately 95 licensed childcare providers are located in Coles County. More than 250 families receive child care in the county, and more than 40 of these families include Eastern student parents, Coonce said.

The association has become a network for student parents to share advice and concerns from topics ranging from potty training to daycare, she said. Group members also baby-sit for each other.

"Being around like-minded people is so very important," Lindsay said. "All of us are trying to do the same thing. We struggle with the same things as well."

Lindsay goes to morning classes while her son attends a local public school. She is home before her son gets off the school bus.

"Occasionally, I have missed class because my son has half days of school at least once or twice a month," she said.

Lindsay said she tries to complete her homework between or in her classes. She finishes extra homework after her son goes to sleep at 9:30 p.m. The latest Lindsay will stay up is 2 a.m. because she wakes up at 5:30 a.m. on weekdays.

Lindsay, now 26, is one semester away from receiving a Board of Trustees bachelor's degree in general studies with minors in psychology and pre-law. She will continue as a student to achieve her goal of becoming a women and children's advocate attorney.

## Melissa

Melissa Bell has found herself in "more than a catch-22."

Her federal work study hours at Eastern's Communication Studies Computer Lab are more than three-fourths complete, said Bell, a 25-year-old junior communication studies major and member of the Eastern Student Parent Association.

Bell said she worries her 4-year-old son, Aaron, will not be eligible for child care once her hours are used up.

"When our work study is gone, there's no more. We will be forced to find a new job," she said.

In order to qualify for child care assistance, a parent or legal guardian seeking a first college degree must be employed at least 10 hours per week or 40 hours per month. He or she must also maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, said Donna Coonce, childcare resource specialist of Eastern's Child Care Resource and Referral Office.

Bell said she works an average of six hours per week, earning \$600 per semester through the federal work study program.

The income is used to pay her son's childcare co-payments, she said.

"If you don't work, you cannot go to school. If you don't go to school, you're without child care. If you're without child care, you can't go to work," Bell said.

Like Lindsay, Bell's mother had also returned to college as a parent.

"My mother told me plain and simple, 'It's too much intelligence to waste on an assembly line,'" Bell said. "I knew I had to get up and do something."

Bell attended Parkland Community College in Champaign before she transferred to Eastern. She took classes in the morning. During the afternoon, she worked in the college admissions office for three to four hours. Then, she worked three to four hours at the Boys and Girls Club in Champaign. She spent the remainder of the day with her son, who was a toddler at the time.

"Homework got done at school," she said. "Sometimes English homework was done in math class and math homework was done in English class."

Bell said she believes her son watches her closely in the same way she watched her mother as a nontraditional student.

"I have the most awesome and frightening responsibility to be his mentor and be the most pivotal mentor in his life," she said. "It would be a shame to not recognize my responsibility and not live up to it."



# OPINION

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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### COMMENTARY



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## MORE THAN JUST A GAME

Sports are usually a large part of the average college-aged male's life. For a lot of people, that passion for sports begins during childhood; for others, it really picks up in high school.

My cousin plays football for Maine South High School in Park Ridge, and on Saturday, the Maine South Hawks played the Lincoln-Way East Griffins of Frankfort for the Class 8A state championship. The Hawks lost in double overtime and for the third year in a row finished as the runner-up.

The Hawks managed to make it to three consecutive state championship games and lost each time to three different teams.

My cousin is a senior and has started on the offensive line for two years and was also affective on the defensive line when the coach decided to play him there.

After the loss, I was obviously heart-broken and also a little bit depressed, and when I got the chance to see my cousin after the game and give him a hug, I wasn't surprised to notice that he had been crying.

To me, that's a natural reaction when you come so close to achieving your ultimate goal several times and still not complete it.

I know I felt awful and still do, but I can't imagine what he and his teammates must be going through.

There is really nothing anyone can say to make the players feel better about the loss. Lines like "you played great" and "you guys were better than them" don't necessarily help.

Those who don't like sports don't understand the magnitude of losing a game that way. Some people think sports fans take the game too seriously, and there's no need in getting bent out of shape when losing.

The passion for sports can be compared to a passion for almost anything else. Anytime you work hard to achieve a goal and you don't, it's at least a little painful.

I've grown up in a sports family and I can honestly say that some of happiest and saddest moments of my life have involved some kind of sporting event.

So when I hear people say that "it's just a game," that really bothers me. There's more to a sport than that. There's the passion for competition and there's the passion to cheer for something bigger than yourself. Sports are all about passion.

Some people have closer connections to baseball rather than football or basketball, most likely because of a passion that was created within.

There's something deeper in one's love for a sport or a team that most people can't see.

My favorite sport is football, and my favorite team is the Chicago Bears. I was only two years old when they won Super Bowl in 1985, so I didn't get to enjoy that and I've, for the most part, been cheering for a losing team since then. But every once in a while, the Bears will make something special happen. For example, back during the Bears' magical 2001 season, safety Mike Brown, against the San Francisco 49ers in overtime, intercepted a pass thrown by Jeff Garcia and returned it about 30 yards for the touchdown and the win. Sports are filled with unforgettable moments like that.

And a few weeks ago my cousin's team was in the third round of the playoffs and my 6-foot-3-inch, 305-pound cousin, playing defensive tackle, intercepted a pass and ran 17 yards with the ball. That might be the greatest sports moment I've ever witnessed.

Whether or not it's a family member, there's definitely an emotional attachment between people and their favorite team or player.

Sports are an important part of my life, and they give me the chance to have a child-like excitement for something.

### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY RICH LAKEBERG



### EDITORIAL

## Death penalty should be avoided

In 2001, Charleston resident Anthony Mertz raped and murdered Eastern student Shannon McNamara, and he was convicted and sentenced to the death penalty in February 2003.

Mertz was the first person sent to Illinois' death row since former Gov. George Ryan implemented the execution moratorium, and his appeal is the first to reach the Supreme Court of those sentenced to death under the moratorium.

Mertz was sentenced one month after Ryan commuted the sentences of 167 death row inmates into life in prison. In 2000, Ryan stopped all Illinois executions fearing that 13 death row inmates were wrongfully accused.

If there is the possibility of a flaw appearing in the death penalty system, then it would be better to avoid it altogether. If the system doesn't give complete assurance that the people being executed are guilty of their crimes, then a life in prison sentence is the obvious answer.

When a person is sentenced to life in prison, life is what is taken away, even without the execution.

Mertz does deserve the most severe of punishments, but putting a person in a cell under maximum security for life is still severe.

In prison, some convicts are treated differently than others based on the crime. For instance, it is expected for Mertz to be treated like a convicted murderer and given little freedom.

There is also a belief that it is always wrong for one person to

#### At issue

Anthony Mertz's appeal of the death penalty was rejected, and he remains on death row for the rape and murder of Eastern student Shannon McNamara.

#### Our stance

When it comes to the death penalty, the idea of taking an eye for an eye is the wrong way to go about solving the problem. It takes away from the idea of prison and adds risk of executing innocent people.

end another person's life. Mertz is guilty of murder, but doing the same to him doesn't necessarily justify the situation.

When a person is executed, it is usually because the crime he or she committed was so great that lawmakers and a jury believe the criminal should pay for the crime with their lives. It's also because of the mentality that once executed, a convict won't be able to cause any more harm.

While that thought does make sense, believing that means not trusting the security at state prisons.

The mission at a prison is to keep all who enter inside and keep them living a contained life.

Since 1976 there have been more than 990 executions in the United States and more than 350 in Texas alone, according to [www.deathpenaltyinfo.org](http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org).

There have been 112 executions in the last two years and 12 in Illinois history.

The goal is to avoid the death penalty as a sentence as often as possible, and that can be solved by turning more death sentences into life-time prison sentences.

The life in prison sentence will assure that convicted murderers and rapists are locked away for good and won't be a threat to anybody anymore, without executing them.

*The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board.*

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### COLUMNISTS NEEDED

Have an opinion? We want to hear it! *The Daily Eastern News* is looking for students interested in voicing opinions on campus, state, national and international issues through columns. *The DEN* reserves the Wednesday guest column spot for students, faculty and members of the community. Guest columns should be a minimum of 550 words and can go up to 600 words.

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*The DEN* is interested in recruiting cartoonists that display artistic ability, particularly caricatures and tasteful humor as well as address campus issues. A grasp of the news and current events is necessary for cartoonists to be effective.

Columns, cartoons and letters can be submitted at room 1811 of Buzzard Hall.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:** *The Daily Eastern News* accepts letters to the editor addressing local, state, national and international issues. They should be less than 250 words and include the authors' name, telephone number and address. Students should indicate their year in school and major. Faculty, administration and staff should indicate their position and department. Letters whose authors cannot be verified will not be printed. We reserve the right to edit letters for length. Letters can be sent to *The Daily Eastern News* at 1811 Buzzard Hall, Charleston IL 61920; faxed to 217-581-2923; or e-mailed to DENelc@gmail.com.

O'Malley, a senior journalism major, can be reached at DENopinions@gmail.com.



## Forty Toys for Tots toy drive drop-offs dot campus

BY MATT POLI  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Christmas is the one time of the year when total strangers can play Santa to thousands of children, and Eastern offers the opportunity at more than 40 locations across campus.

The Toys For Tots campaign has helped children receive toys for Christmas in Coles County for the past two years and Coles County Coordinator Tony Kwiatkowski has high expectations.

"Last year we were able to assist 830 children and collected over 1,600 toys, but this year we've raised the bar," Kwiatkowski said.

He is working with more than eight local social services including Catholic Charities, Big Brother Big Sister and Embarass Head Start to deliver the toys.

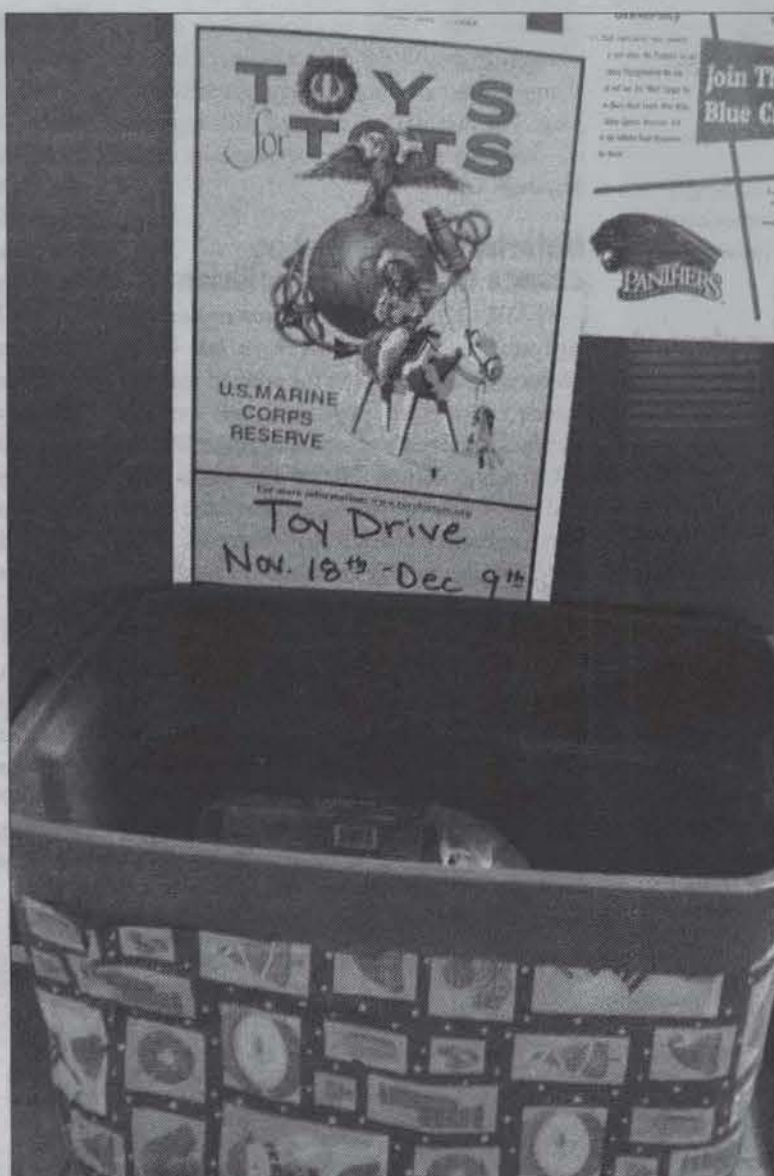
Any used toys will be donated to the victims of Hurricane Katrina; however, all new toys will stay in the area, Kwiatkowski said.

Other organizations such as Residence Hall Association and Epsilon Sigma Alpha are taking action to help out.

RHA will provide every residence hall with a decorated box for students to place the toys in, said Jenna Stuckey, assistant coordinator for RHA.

"Students can help by donating new toys for all ages for the drive," Stuckey said.

Laura Farmer, assistant coordinator for Epsilon Sigma Alpha, said her organization gets involved by calling local social services and taking down names and ages of children who would benefit from the



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**The Toys for Tots toy drive bins are distributed around at 40 campus locations. The drive is sponsored by Eastern's University Board, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Black Student Union, The College Student Personnel Association, The Residence Hall Association, and Lake Land College's Student Government.**

drive.

"We've got about 800 names right now, and we're hoping to collect 1,000 names," Farmer said.

Some local corporations such as Charleston Lanes are getting involved by offering a free game of bowling for every new toy donated, Kwiatkowski said.

For the work that's put into this drive, participants said there's a certain sense of satisfaction that comes with it.

"Getting to see the kids' faces light up and talking with the parents really puts you in a good mood," Farmer said.

The Toys For Tots drive will end Dec. 10, and the toys will be collected and handed out on Dec. 12.

The drive is sponsored by Eastern's University Board, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Black Student Union, The College Student Personnel Association, RHA, and Lake Land College's Student Government.

## DEN fills positions for 2005 spring semester

STAFF REPORT

The Daily Eastern News has completed its interviewing process and has selected its editors for the spring semester.

Aaron Seidlitz, a senior journalism major from Newark, will take over as editor in chief. Seidlitz has been in three different editor positions for *The DEN* while at Eastern, and he held the position of opinions page editor this semester.

Sarah Whitney, a junior journalism major from Alton, will be managing editor. This will be Whitney's third position at the paper, and she was administration editor this semester.

Amy Simpson, a junior journalism major from Effingham, will be news editor. This will be Simpson's third position as an editor, and she was associate news editor this semester.

Laura Griffith, a senior journalism major from Godfrey, will be associate news editor. This will be Griffith's fourth editorial position, and she was *On The Verge* editor this semester.

Marco Santana, a sophomore journalism major from Carpentersville, will take over as sports editor. This will be Santana's first editor position with *The DEN* after being a sports reporter this semester.

Brian O'Malley, a senior journalism major from Chicago, will be opinions page editor. This will be O'Malley's third position as an editor, and he was associate editor of *On The Verge* this semester.

Kayla Crow, a sophomore journalism major from Mattoon, will be administration editor after serving as a staff writer for the past year.

Kristen Larsen, a junior journalism major from Carol Stream, will be city editor. Larsen has served as a reporter for the campus, activities and sports sections of *The DEN*.

Matt Poli, a senior journalism



AARON SEIDLITZ



SARAH WHITNEY

major from Chicago, is going to be activities editor after serving as a reporter for *On The Verge* and *The DEN* for two years.

Jessica Cantarelli, a junior journalism major from Hoffman Estates, will be campus editor after reporting for *The DEN* over the past three years.

Lauren Moore, a senior journalism major from Champaign, will take over as student government editor. Moore served as content editor for *Pounce Online* last semester, and she previously reported for *The DEN*.

Matt Daniels, a sophomore journalism major from Glen Carbon, will be associate sports editor. Daniels served as sports reporter this semester.

David Thill, a junior journalism major from Charleston, will move to *On The Verge* editor. Thill served as student government editor this semester and was the summer semester's editor in chief.

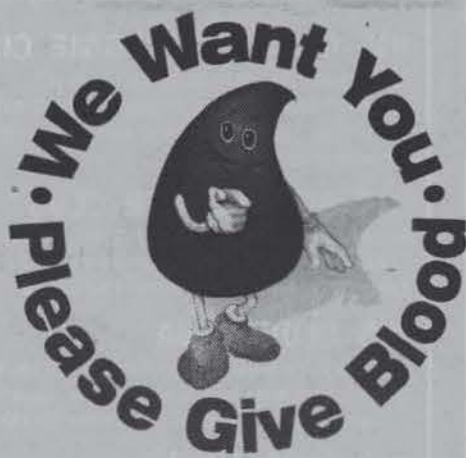
Holly Mohr, a senior from Paxton, will be associate *On The Verge* editor. Mohr served as *On The Verge* reporter this semester.

Eric Hiltner, a freshman journalism major from Hickory Hills, will take his first editorial position at the paper as photo editor.

Carrie Hollis, a sophomore journalism major from Arlington Heights, will continue as associate photo editor.

Dan Woike, a senior journalism major from Arlington Heights, will remain on staff as sports reporter after serving the same position this semester.

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## Report: New state office aims to boost governor's image

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — About two dozen workers in a newly formed state office compile weekly reports to keep tabs on how well Gov. Rod Blagojevich's administration is able to shape news coverage of state government, according to a published report.

The consolidated communications office, made up mostly of state public information officers, is part of an unprecedented effort to burnish the governor's public image, the Chicago Tribune reported in its Sunday editions.

The goal of the new Illinois Office of Communication and Information is to improve efficiency, the Blagojevich administration has said, claiming the office has saved the state about \$1.8 million.

But critics say the office is designed to give the governor greater control over his adminis-

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tration's message, and they accuse Blagojevich of using taxpayer money as a promotional tool rather than to provide useful information to the public.

#### Authorities say kidnapper planned demonic ritual involving girl

CHICAGO — A Cook County judge has set bond at \$500,000 for an 18-year-old Chicagoan accused of kidnapping a six-year-old girl and her eight-year-old brother to perform a demonic ritual intended to bring back his former girlfriend, authorities said.

David Rodriguez, whose bond was set Saturday, and a 15-year-old companion snatched the children Friday outside a South Side library and allegedly intended to carve a pentacle on the girl's chest, prosecutors said.

Rodriguez only needed a girl for the ritual, so he released the boy, who told people on the street about the kidnapping, Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Tracy Senica said.

Police then went to Rodriguez's home, where they found the girl unharmed. He was charged with two counts of aggravated kidnapping. The juvenile was charged with aggravated kidnapping, police spokesman John Mirabelli said.

#### Motorist says she had no chance to avoid train collision

ELMWOOD PARK — A woman hospitalized after her car was struck in last week's Metra train accident says she entered the busy intersection before warning signals went off and had no chance of avoiding the collision.

Christine Barnes, 30, of Elmwood Park, said she is upset at the suggestion from transportation safety officials that motorists might be to blame for Wednesday's accident that injured at least 10 people and damaged 16 vehicles.

The rush-hour train slammed into several vehicles that were sitting on the tracks at a busy diagonal intersection in Elmwood Park, just west of Chicago. National Transportation Safety Board chairman Mark Rosenker has said the vehicles should not have been on the tracks.

#### Women start group to bury, memorialize abandoned infants

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS — Nameless at death, treated like trash, infants David and Rosa were named, memorialized and buried thanks to two women drawn together by the cause of abandoned babies.

Susan Walker, 36, and Judi Seguy, 42, both of Arlington Heights, organized a memorial service, held Nov. 18 in Libertyville, years after the abandoned infants died in 2001 and 2002.

Walker and Seguy hope the memorial service and other work by a group they started this year will help publicize Illinois' safe-haven law. They are seeking not-for-profit status for their organization, Rest in His Arms.

The law lets parents surrender their newborns at hospitals, firehouses and other "safe havens" without fear of criminal charges.

Since the law went into effect in 2001, 18 babies have been left at designated safe havens, according to the Save Abandoned Babies Foundation, which collects data on the law for the state.

But 20 abandoned babies died, according to the foundation, and another 18 were left to die but survived.

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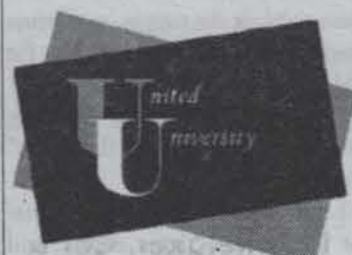
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# Miller claims Busch 'changed' Bud Light

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE — The latest fight in the U.S. beer battle is a matter of taste.

Miller Brewing Co. says rival Anheuser-Busch has altered Bud Light in the past year to make it more bitter and bubbly, rolling out the claim about Bud Light in national television ads that began airing Friday. The company said data it has collected show Bud Light's bitterness and carbonation rose from last year.

Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. called Miller's claims "another marketing ploy" and complained to cable networks that the statements are false.

Now, 10 of 32 cable networks contracted to run the commercials have put them on hold while awaiting substantiation of the claims, said Pete Marino, a spokesman for Milwaukee-based Miller.

Several networks, including TBS, TNT and E!, have held the ads, while others such as CNN, CNN Headline News and Comedy Central continue to air them, Marino said Tuesday.

## NATIONAL BRIEFS



### Shoppers crowd stores as holiday season begins

NEW YORK — The 2005 holiday shopping season got off to only a modest start during the Thanksgiving weekend as consumers responded initially to aggressive discounting and then retreated.

"There was a lot of hype, a lot of promotions and lot of people, but the results were on the lukewarm side," said Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers, estimating that the weekend's sales results were down from a year ago. He said heavy markdowns forced retailers to sell more goods to meet sales targets.

Analysts said there was heavy shopper traffic early Friday when stores opened even earlier than usual for the day after Thanksgiving, offering deep, deep discounts. When the early-bird specials were over, consumers lost their enthusiasm.

"If you give Americans a bargain, they will get up whatever time to take advantage of it. But I don't think this weekend turned out to be as big as retailers hoped," said C. Britt Beemer of America's Research Group.

# Blizzards, accidents slow travel after Thanksgiving

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — The trip home after Thanksgiving was slow going for many travelers Sunday as blizzard conditions wreaked havoc from Colorado to the Midwest.

In California, a Greyhound bus headed from Los Angeles to San Francisco overturned, killing two people, injuring dozens and backing up traffic on California's Highway 101 near Santa Maria for most of the morning.

Authorities suspect driver fatigue contributed to the crash — the bus had left shortly after 3 a.m. and the driver had been on the road the night before.

The major airports reported few delays outside the central part of the country, where a storm system brought blowing snow and thunderstorms.

Rain delayed flights out of Chicago's O'Hare International Airport up to an hour and a half Sunday morning, but improved to about 30 minute delays by afternoon, Chicago Department of Aviation spokeswoman Wendy Abrams said. Some 210,000 passengers were expected to pass through its concourses Sunday.

The biggest trouble spot for travelers stretched

from Colorado through Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas where blizzard conditions and freezing rain sent cars spinning off roads and forced a shutdown of several highways, including a large stretch of east-bound Interstate 70, the major east-west corridor, from Denver to the Kansas line.

Freezing rain turned roads to ice rinks for miles around Fargo, N.D.

"It is bumper to bumper," North Dakota Transportation Department district supervisor Bruce Nord said. "There's slush on the road. It's just unbelievable, the traffic. When one goes in the ditch, it takes three or four people along."

In Colorado, Denver International Airport appeared to have missed the worst of the storm, but to the east, strong winds were creating whiteout conditions.

As many as 25 cars were involved in an accident 50 miles east of Limon as visibility in the blowing snow dropped to nearly zero.

As the area's hotels quickly filled up with travelers, state transportation officials also shut down east-bound traffic at E-470 on the outskirts of Denver to prevent travelers from becoming stranded with no place to stay.

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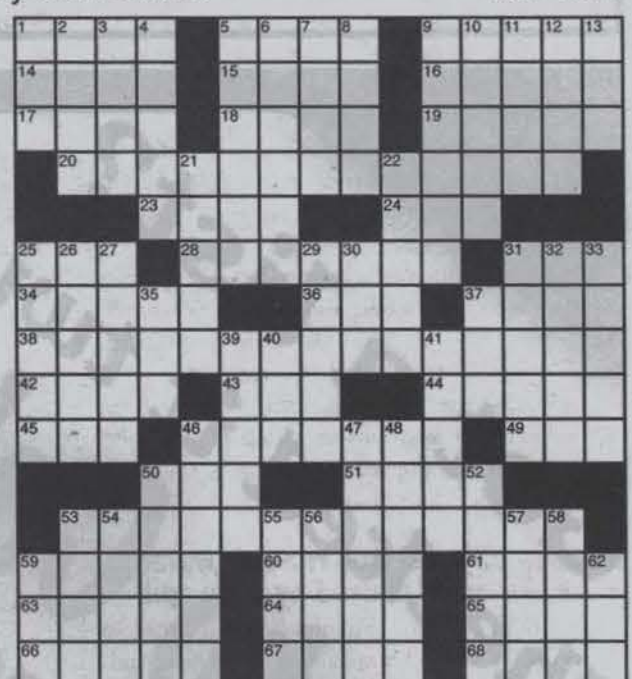
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Puzzle by Gregory E. Paul

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29 Turn red, as a strawberry  
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35 Cousin of "The Addams Family"  
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## INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS

## Two congressmen injured when vehicle overturns in Iraq

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A military vehicle carrying three congressmen overturned on the way to the Baghdad airport, injuring two of them, the U.S. Embassy said Sunday.

Rep. Tim Murphy, R-Pa., was airlifted to a military hospital in Germany for an MRI on his neck, and Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., was sent to a Baghdad hospital for evaluation, said Rep. Jim Marshall, D-Ga., who was also in the vehicle but was not hurt when it overturned Saturday.

"I was supposed to come tour the hospital to talk to the wounded. I didn't think I'd be among them," Murphy told Pittsburgh's KDKA-TV by phone from Germany. He said he expected to be home Monday night.

Skelton's spokeswoman Lara Battles said she believed Skelton was doing well but declined to comment further.

### Sunni Arabs arrested in alleged plot to kill Saddam investigator

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The courtroom will be the same but uncertainty surrounds nearly everything else as the trial of Saddam Hussein resumes Monday after a five-week recess.

Will the court grant a defense request for a three-month postponement? Will witnesses testify behind screens to shield their identities? Will Saddam's foreign lawyers, including former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, be allowed to attend the trial?

Even the precise time for convening the session was kept secret—for fear of attacks by supporters and opponents of the ousted ruler.

Tight security surrounded the entire proceedings, which are restarting in the same specially built courtroom in the heavily guarded Green Zone where the first session was held Oct. 19.

Underscoring the need for such measures, police announced Sunday that they had arrested eight Sunni Arabs for allegedly plotting to kill the court official who prepared the indictment charging Saddam and seven co-defendants with crimes against humanity.

### Honduran police recapture escaped teen accused of killing DEA agent

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Honduran police recaptured a 16-year-old boy who is accused of killing a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent and has escaped five times in three years from a crumbling prison, an official said Sunday.

More than 1,000 officers had been hunting for Herlan Colindres, who was carrying a gun when he was caught in the capital Tegucigalpa, Security Minister Armando Calidonio said.

Colindres, a gang member implicated in 16 other killings, slipped out of a Tegucigalpa juvenile rehabilitation center Nov. 17. It was his second escape in less than four months and the fifth in three years.

Authorities were considering what to do with the boy, reluctant to send him back to a prison where bricks can easily be chipped from the walls, Calidonio said.

### Chinese city restores running water after shutdown caused by toxic spill

HARBIN, China — Running water returned to this northeast city of 3.8 million people Sunday, ending a five-day shutdown blamed on a chemical spill that embarrassed the government and highlighted China's mounting environmental problems.

However, officials warned that what was coming out the tap in frigid Harbin still was too dirty to drink.

Water service started returning to this provincial capital shortly before 6 p.m. after the government said toxins spewed into the Songhua River by a chemical plant explosion had returned to safe levels. Residents said service did not resume in some areas for several more hours.

"When that running water came back on, it was a completely wonderful feeling. It's been four days since I had a shower," said grinning taxi driver Cao Sijun, 46.

## DEFEATED:

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into Eastern territory, the No. 19 Panthers managed only six points on their three trips inside the SIU 20-yard line.

"We kept shooting ourselves in the foot," sophomore quarterback Mike Donato said.

The Panthers earned the spot in the playoffs by defeating Jacksonville State 10-6 to win the Ohio Valley Conference championship outright.

Eastern (9-3) controlled the ball for much of the first half. The Panthers ran 43 plays in 20 minutes and 12 seconds, while the Salukis managed to only run 19 plays in 9:42.

But having the ball didn't translate into points, as the Panthers trailed 7-3 at the half.

Eastern got on the board first on freshman kicker Zach Yates' 32-yard field goal on the game's opening drive.

The Panthers moved the ball down to SIU's 12-yard line but couldn't gain any more yards after a rush for negative yards and two incomplete passes.

The Salukis responded later in the quarter with a 51-yard completion from Sambursky to senior wide receiver Quorey Payne.

The big play set up the first of Whitlock's scoring runs, this one from six yards out.

Whitlock's other two scores came in the second half, and all three came with two SIU fullbacks paving the way to the endzone.

"That's a play we work on all the time," Whitlock said. "Earlier in the season we didn't really execute it."

"We were able to make some adjustments to it and it opened up some holes for us today."

Eastern junior linebacker Clint Sellers said SIU's blocking was simply too good at times.

"Those two fullbacks they had back there, those are really good athletes," Sellers said.

"Those are two big guys leading up into a hole. Whitlock's a great back; he proved it today."

Whitlock's second-half scoring runs came from 5 and 3 yards, respectively, and he went untouched on each of his three trips into the endzone.

"That was too easy," Spoo said.

Little came easy for the Panther offense, as it gained just 3.4 yards per play.

Junior running back Vincent Webb led Eastern with 80 yards on 17 carries, and Donato threw for 144 yards on 18-of-36 passing.

Donato's numbers, and the Panthers' offensive output, would've been more impressive, but Eastern's receivers struggled to make catches.

Spoo said some of the drops cost Eastern points.

"(Webb) dropped two that really hurt us," Spoo said. "(Junior wide receiver) Ryan Voss dropped a couple that really hurt us."

One Voss drop came with Eastern on the SIU 11 late in the second half.

The Panthers got great field position after senior defensive end Kory Lothe chased down Sambursky and knocked the ball into junior linebacker Lucius Seymour's hands.

The turnover gave Eastern possession deep in Saluki territory.

Facing second-and-9, Donato found a leaping Voss in the endzone, but the pass fell through his hands as Saluki defenders converged.

The next play, Donato found freshman running back Norris Smith for a touchdown, but the score was brought back as the Panthers used an illegal formation at the line of scrimmage.

Eastern eventually tried to kick a 33-yard field goal, but Yates' try was blocked.

"We get a touchdown and it's called back

## "We had opportunities given to us by our defense, and we hurt ourselves."

BOB SPOO, EASTERN HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

— penalty," Spoo said. "We get a big play, and it's called back — penalty. If some of those balls are completed, it's a momentum thing, and we move on."

"We had opportunities given to us by our defense, and we hurt ourselves."

SIU junior safety Patrick Jordan said the Salukis were able to execute.

"We just came together as a defense, and we knew he had to stop them," he said. "We just played well as a team; everyone covered their assignments."

The Panthers were without junior safety Tristan Burge, who suffered a broken leg on the final play of the Panthers' playoff-clinching win at Jacksonville State in their regular season finale.

Despite not having the first team All-OVC safety in the secondary, the Panthers held Sambursky to 189 yards on 15-of-21 passing.

"Defensively, I thought we played very well," Spoo said. "We didn't make the plays we needed to make at crucial times."

Donato said the loss does provide a solid foundation for the Panthers' future, even though the team will lose some key contributors to graduation.

"It's always tough when you lose, especially when you play like we did today," he said. "We've just got to keep moving forward."

"We lose a great group of seniors, but to say the least, we were able to send them off with a ring."

## HOWELL:

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senators as comfortable as possible. Giving senators the direction they need will help them become the best senators they can be."

Howell describes his time on Student Senate as "the single most gratifying experience I've had in my life. It doesn't have to do so much with the things I've done, but rather the people I've worked with. It's been an amazing ride."

Learning leadership and managerial skills is just one of the benefits that have come with the job.

For next semester, Howell said Student

Senate is looking for someone who will set a positive tone and encourage the senate members to be friends as well as coworkers.

"Encouraging the senators to become friends and keeping them focused are the two main qualities Student Senate will be looking for," Howell said.

Andrew Berger, student executive vice president, said choosing the next speaker will be very important since this year the Senate has had one of the most cooperative groups of people.

"The new speaker will have to hold the Senate together and work with lots of different personalities to maintain the working relationship like this fall," Berger said.

Berger said there are similar qualities that

many speakers have held despite their different personalities.

"Working with people on an individual basis, maintaining an open-door policy and making sure people don't feel intimidated to talk to them are all important for the Speaker," Berger said.

Although Howell has enjoyed his time on the Senate, he has decided not to run again because he has reached all his goals.

"I've been on Senate for four years, and I feel it's time for others to get experience running for the position. This is how I want to end it. I don't think I could top this semester," Howell said. "Mostly, I will miss the senators themselves. They have taught me so much and I have gained so many friends."

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## SAMBURSKY:

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Sambursky's second pass looked like a pass thrown by a quarterback who had started 48 straight games, including three in the playoffs. The throw found receiver Quorey Payne down the right sideline for a 51-yard gain. The catch led to a touchdown and an early 7-3 lead for SIU.

"The bomb was probably the biggest play in the game," Sambursky said. "We tried to spread things out, and (Payne) is so fast that it helps us do that."

The "bomb" was the second longest touchdown pass this season for Sambursky.

Sambursky's mobility allowed him to move around and buy more time against Eastern.

"Sometimes as a quarterback you just get into a zone and I was able to just find receivers," Sambursky said. "This was a good, physical defense so I was able to move around laterally instead of scrambling for yards."

Sambursky finished the game 15-of-21 for 189 yards, not exactly gaudy numbers for a player up for several awards. But Kill put his quarterback's performance into perspective.

"We do not win this football game today without him, period," Kill said. "He is a special kid that is as tough as they come."

Kill also was able to watch his fifth-year senior deal with the pressures of being the highlighted offensive player on a team that failed to meet high expectations.

"This means a whole lot for me to watch him today after the last two seasons," Kill said. "He's set numerous records and all that, but he only cared about winning the entire time."

## SPECIAL TEAMS:

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With 10:37 left to play, it looked like Eastern's luck was changing after a long afternoon filled with dropped passes and penalties.

The Panthers couldn't convert on third-and-4, and deep inside Saluki territory, it looked like Eastern was headed for a three-and-out.

That's when Spoo took a chance. Eastern lined up in its normal punt formation and when the ball was snapped, the Panthers' Tom Schofield changed from a punter to a quarterback.

"They dropped out and covered our main guy, (linebacker Clint) Sellers. So I just had to scramble a little bit and basically threw it up," Schofield said. "Luckily, (wide receiver Ryan) Voss almost came down with it, and we almost made it."

It wasn't the first time Schofield had run the play in a game, but it was almost three years since he last attempted it.

"I passed one time on a punt my freshman year at Kansas State. It was just an overall bad play. We don't want to talk about that one," Schofield said.

"We'd been running it in practice all this week, and it had been going good," he said. "We had to take a shot and make a play; hopefully, it would work."

"It didn't work. We had to try it."

The play call was one that, if it had worked, it would have been a huge momentum swing and preserved the Panthers' hope of a comeback, but instead the Salukis took control on the Eastern 26.

After having just made a defensive stand on the previous drive, the



Freshman kicker Zach Yates recovers the ball after his 33-yard field goal try was blocked in Eastern's 21-6 loss to Southern Illinois in the I-AA playoffs Saturday at O'Brien Stadium. The Panthers also failed to convert a fake punt.

Panthers would once again have to take the field with their backs to the wall.

Five plays later, the Salukis extended the lead to 15 when Arkee

Whitlock ran the ball in from 3 yards out for his third touchdown.

"We were taking a chance at that point and just trying to get something going. Sometimes it works,

## Game breakdown

	21	@	6	
	Southern Illinois		Eastern Illinois	
	(9-3)		(9-3)	
	1	2	3	4
SIU:	7	0	7	7
EIU:	3	0	0	3
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	SIU	EASTERN
FIRST DOWNS	14	17
RUSHING YDS	34/109	35/100
PASSING YDS	189	144
PLAYS/YARDS	55/298	72/244
PASS ATT/COMP/INT	21-15-0	37-18-1
FUMBLES/LOST	2/1	1/0
PUNTS (NUMBER/AVG)	5/33.2	5/41.8
PUNT RETURNS/AVG	2/4.0	2/4.0
PENALTIES/YARDS	5/40	8/40
TIME OF POSSESSION	29:11	30:49

**PASSING**  
SIU: **Sambursky** 15-21, 189 yards, 0 TD, 0 int.  
EIU: **Donato** 18-36, 144 yards, 0 TD, 1 int.

**RUSHING**  
SIU: **Whitlock** 23 carries, 89 yards, 3 TD;  
**Sambursky** 5 carries, 15 yards, 0 TD.  
EIU: **Webb** 17 carries, 80 yards, 0 TD; **Bess** 10 carries, 24 yards, 0 TD.

**RECEIVING**  
SIU: **Little** 6 rec., 58 yards, 0 TD; **Payne** 2 rec., 68 yards, 0 TD; **Turner** 2 rec., 31 yards, 0 TD;  
**Kupec** 2 rec., 29 yards, 0 TD.  
EIU: **Bess** 4 rec., 22 yards, 0 TD; **Voss** 3 rec., 39 yards, 0 TD; **Blonn** 3 rec., 31 yards, 0 TD;  
**Owens** 2 rec., 25 yards, 0 TD.

**TACKLES**  
SIU: **Johnson** 10 (8 solo); **Whitaker** 10 (6 solo); **Doyle** 7 (5 solo); **Jordan, J.** 7 (4 solo).  
EIU: **Sellers** 10 (8 solo); **Seymour** 9 (7 solo); **Kelly** 7 (6 solo); **Cleveland** 6 (4 solo); **Brown** 6 (6 solo).

**SACKS**  
SIU: **Loves** 1.  
EIU: none.

**INTERCEPTIONS**  
SIU: **Brachear** 1.  
EIU: none.

**SCORING**  
1ST: 10:14 EIU - Yates 32-yd FG. 3-0; 1:03 SIU - Whitlock 6-yd run (Coffin kick). 7-3.  
3RD: 10:24 SIU - Whitlock 5-yd run (Coffin kick). 14-3.  
4TH: 13:48 EIU - Wilke 34-yd field goal. 14-6.  
5:33 SIU - Whitlock 3-yd run (Coffin kick). 21-6.

and sometimes it doesn't. It didn't in that instance," Spoo said. "And, that's my call. If you think it's a bad call, that's your opinion."

"We had to do it because we wanted to get something going."

## WOIKE:

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The Ohio Valley Conference coaches picked the Panthers to finish fourth in the OVC. And so did I-AA.org and "Street & Smith's."

But sophomore quarterback Mike Donato said his team believed. And the Panthers weren't surprised by their success.

"We expected this out of ourselves," he said. "The Ohio Valley Conference championship — we expected to win."

And they did, for the first time since 2002.

A few Panthers were around for the taste of success three years ago, but more came to Eastern while things weren't going so well — a 3-5 record in the OVC in 2003 and a 4-4 conference mark in 2004.

But those failures set the stage for an unlikely resurgence.

Donato had more experience standing on the sidelines than he did standing under center.

The Panther defense had hinted at greatness, but the unit allowed more

than 30 points 10 times in the past two seasons.

This season however, only one team managed 30 points or more and that was BYU — a Division I-A foe.

After the season-ending loss to Southern Illinois, the Panthers shouldn't feel frustrated. The Panthers shouldn't be disappointed. And they shouldn't be sad.

At a time when emotions are most plentiful, the Panthers need to find context.

It's actually like Seinfeld.

When the series completed its successful run, fans and critics were disappointed and angered by the series' finale.

But, now that time has passed, does the show's fans remember Jerry, Elaine, George and Kramer in a jail cell? No. Fans remember the contest. They remember Kenny Rogers Roasters.

They remember the pilot, 'Serenity Now,' Jon Voigt's LeBaron and J. Peterman's stories.

Eventually, we'll remember 2005 for a perfect OVC season, not a post-

season stumble.

We'll remember head coach Bob Spoo being honored as the OVC's best in his 19th season.

We'll remember the big hits, the bigger plays and biggest wins.

The loss to Southern stings the Panthers today. Hopefully, sometime tomorrow, they'll be able to see just how far they came.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Panthers say 'aloha' to Hawaii winless

By MATT DANIELS  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern came back from the Waikiki Beach Marriot Classic in Hawaii closer as a team after spending five days in the Aloha state, yet was unable to come away with a victory because rebounding played a difference in both games.

The Panthers (0-2) dropped the season opener to Southern California 68-53 on Nov. 20, before falling the next day to host Rainbow Wahine 64-58.

Even though head coach Brady Sallee and his team is not a big believer in moral victories, he feels the competition the Panthers faced will help the team throughout the season.

"I think it was good for our kids to see that we could go out and play at that level," Sallee said about facing the No. 22 Trojans and Hawaii. "In the USC game, we flat-out competed and we gave them everything they could handle."

Freshman guard Ellen Canale made her first collegiate game a memorable one. Canale scored a game-high 19 points on 8-of-15 shooting from the field.

"She's a player that just brings a tremendous amount of energy on the floor," Sallee said. "That's the reason she had 19. It wasn't because she just shot the ball great or they couldn't guard her, it's just her energy."

Canale said she and the team were a little nervous before her first game, but that experience from the two exhibition games helped.

"There were no limitations, we had nothing to lose, so we figured just go out and play," she said.

Eastern led by one, 36-35, off a layup from Canale early in the second half before the Trojans took over, going on a 12-2 run to expand the lead and keep the Panthers from mounting a comeback.

One area of concern for Eastern after the first two games was the disparity in rebounding totals. USC out rebounded the Panthers 52-24, with a decisive advantage in offensive rebounding, which totaled 27. Eastern was also out rebounded against Hawaii 62-30.

"We just have to box out, it's all in our minds," sophomore forward

Tangie Sellers said. "We just have to be disciplined enough to go get somebody, put a body on them and just box out."

Sallee said the inability to limit the Trojans to one shot, something he stressed in practice the week before the team left, hurt.

"Bottom line was we couldn't keep them off the boards and when you give a good team like that, shot after shot after shot, they're going to start making some," he said. "There were possessions where we held them, but they would get five shots off."

Against Hawaii, the Panthers got off to a slow start, only shooting 25 percent in the first half, yet only trailed 30-27 at the break.

Senior guard Megan Sparks led both teams with 23 points, but only shot 5 of 18 from the field. She did, however, convert 12 of her 13 free throw attempts and was the lone Panther named to the all-tournament team.

Eastern trailed 40-29 early in the second half before closing the gap to 48-44 with seven minutes left. Hawaii then expanded its lead to 60-53 before holding off a late charge by Eastern, who closed to within 62-58 with thirty seconds left after a three pointer from Sellers.

Once again, rebounding was the difference with Hawaii, Sallee said.

"We did everything we needed to do to win the game except rebound."

Tonight, Eastern has a chance to rebound, with a win and also on the glass, when they travel to take on University of Illinois-Chicago. UIC (1-3) likes to push the tempo, as they have averaged 74 points per game on the season. Sallee said that the Flames' point guard, senior Chrissy Dizon, will present a tough matchup.

"Our press is going to be tested to see if we can press (Dizon)," said Sallee about UIC's leading scorer (15.3 points per game) and top distributor (seven assists per game).

Dizon is one of four returning starters for UIC, who Eastern defeated last year 78-72 at Lantz Arena.

If the Panthers want to make it two in a row against UIC, Sallee knows that rebounding will be a factor.

"If we rebound the ball and take care of the ball, then I like our chances."

## FOOTBALL

# Pair honored with top OVC awards

Eastern's first undefeated conference season since 2001 earned some postseason individual awards.

Head coach Bob Spoo was named Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year, and linebacker Clint Sellers was named the OVC's Defensive Player of the Year.

Spoo led the Panthers to an 8-0 conference record and the conference's automatic berth in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

The leader in wins in Eastern's history has been named one of the sixteen finalists for the Eddie Robinson



BOB SPOO



CLINT SELLERS

Award, which goes to the national coach of the year.

He was runner-up for the award in 2000 after leading Eastern to an 8-4 record and a playoff berth after the

Panthers finished 2-10 in 1999.

Sellers, a transfer from North Iowa Area Community College, made his presence felt on the field in his first year at Eastern.

Sellers led the OVC in solo tackles (79) and total tackles (111). He also tied for first in the conference with five interceptions.

Sellers is the first Panther to win the OVC Defensive Player of the Year since linebacker Nick Ricks took home the honor in 2002.

Compiled by Marco Santana, sports editor.

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"Whenever that happens, we start playing as individuals and don't really play as the cohesive team that we really are," she said. "We were able to work out of (the slumps) in game four."

Eastern hit .382 with 28 kills in the fourth game and led by as many as seven points to tie the match with a 30-24 win.

The story of the match was the Panthers' inability to contain Miller.

"She was unbelievable today," Bennett said. "She was through our block, around our block, pretty much at will."

First team all-conference selection Jessica Koeper had 20 kills for the Redhawks.

The Panthers had five players with double digits in kills and were

led by junior outside hitter Kara Sorenson and sophomore middle hitter Kera Griffin with 18.

In the final game, the Redhawks jumped out to a 4-0 lead but Eastern came back after a timeout to tie the game at four.

After the teams exchanged points, SEMO won 10 of the final 13 points to win the match.

SEMO hit .435 in the final game and held Eastern to a .130 hitting percentage.

Jacksonville State, who came in as the No. 3 seed, had to defeat No. 2 Tennessee State and No. 1 ECU to win the tournament.

Tennessee State brought an enthusiastic crowd along with them, but it did not result in a victory as JSU swept them in three games.

"We weren't relaxed at all on the court," TSU head coach Kathy Roulhac said. "The girls looked very timid and that's very uncharacteris-

tic."

Tennessee State rebounded and made the postseason for the first time in eight seasons.

In the championship match, the Gamecocks used tournament MVP Suzi Terrell's 35 kills and Kisha West's 39 digs to keep the pressure on ECU.

"I don't know if you could have had a better battle from both teams," Nold said. "I don't know if you're going to find a more exciting game to have on TV."

This was the first OVC tournament to be televised by ESPNU.

Gamecock sophomore middle hitter Abbey Breit joined seniors Terrell and West on the all-tournament team.

Terrell felt the Gamecocks weren't expected to do much.

"I think everyone was kind of looking down on us and it proved them (wrong)," she said.

## NFL

# Bears hang on as Bucs' hopes sail right

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — Seven straight victories and first place in the NFC North are just a start for the Chicago Bears.

Coach Lovie Smith thinks the NFL's top-ranked defense is capable of leading his rejuvenated team to even greater heights.

"Hopefully it can carry us all the way. If you don't let a team score you have a heck of a chance of winning. I know that is simple, but that is how it is," the second-year coach said after Sunday's 13-10 victory over Tampa Bay.

"We play good defense, we run the football and try not to make too many mistakes. That is our formula for success."

Alex Brown sacked Chris Simms to force a fumble that

set up Chicago's only touchdown and the Bears kept the Buccaneers out of the end zone until the fourth quarter.

Still, the Bears (8-3) needed some help to ensure their first seven-game winning streak since 1986, prevailing after Matt Bryant missed a potential game-tying 29-yard field goal attempt for the Bucs (7-4) with 2:47 to go.

"We won by two or three inches," Brown said. "If the ball goes left two or three inches, they make the field goal."

Kyle Orton threw for 134 yards and a TD and Robbie Gould kicked field goals of 25 and 36 yards for the Bears, who lost three of their first four games before putting together their longest winning streak since the season after Chicago won its only Super Bowl title.

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## PANTHER SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT ILLINOIS-CHICAGO	7 p.m.
TUESDAY	MEN'S BASKETBALL AT WESTERN ILLINOIS	7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. BUTLER	7:35 p.m.
FRIDAY	SWIMMING AT INDIANAPOLIS INVITE	thru Dec. 3
SATURDAY	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT CINCINNATI	7 p.m.
	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. INDIANA STATE	7:35 p.m.

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DIVISION I-AA PLAYOFFS: SOUTHERN ILLINOIS 21, EASTERN 6

# Salukis tame, claw past Panthers

## Southern QB stays cool under pressure

BY MATTHEW STEVENS  
STAFF REPORTER

His coach said nobody felt more pressure, and Joel Sambursky admitted to being nervous. Both of them could have fooled Eastern Saturday.

After breaking numerous conference and school records, collecting player of the year honors and being a finalist for the Walter Payton Award, you'd think Sambursky, Southern Illinois' quarterback, would have nothing left to prove. Wrong.

The fifth-year senior came into Saturday's first-round playoff game against Eastern trying to do something he'd failed to do twice before — win in the postseason.

"I felt like I had to lead my team to victory today," Sambursky said. "This group has fought through a lot of games and taken a lot of heat because we'd go home early."

Sambursky was a freshman in the SIU program when the team went 1-10 in Jerry Kill's first season in Carbondale, now he is a part of a dominant senior class that won a playoff game for the first time since 1983.

"I told him along with the other seniors after the game that the pressure is now off," Kill said. "The bottom line is we're doing what it takes to win. We don't care how we win right now — just win."

Sambursky's next two seasons ended with bitter disappointment as the Salukis were bounced in the opening round, once as the No. 1 overall seed.

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CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior defensive tackle Will Bihun chases Southern Illinois' senior quarterback Joel Sambursky during the fourth quarter of the Salukis' 21-6 win Saturday at O'Brien Stadium. Sambursky threw for 189 yards to help lead Southern to its first playoff win since 1983. SIU travels to take on Appalachian State Saturday in the Division I-AA quarterfinals.

## Futile offense forces Eastern to gamble often

BY DAN RENICK  
STAFF REPORTER

In No. 19 Eastern's 21-6 loss to No. 8 Southern Illinois Saturday, the Panthers tried to use special teams to spark a comeback in the NCAA Division I-AA football playoff game but fell short.

After Eastern kicker Tyler Wilke made a 34-yard field goal, the Panthers knew that time was running out as the offense struggled and they trailed 14-6 with 13 minutes remaining.

On the ensuing kickoff, Eastern tried to catch Southern off guard with an onside kick. Wilke chipped the ball high toward the Eastern sideline and about 20 yards downfield. The Panthers outside coverage rushed down the sideline and an Eastern player tried to tip the ball back into play as it was headed out of bounds.

Eastern recovered, but the officials ruled the ball out of bounds, which is an illegal procedure penalty, and the Salukis took control on the Panthers' 44-yard line.

"We had to do some things at the end there that were just trying to find something and get something positive," Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said.

With good starting field position, Southern marched down to the Eastern 21 before its drive stalled. Saluki kicker Craig Coffin attempted a 39-yard field goal with a heavy wind at his back but missed wide left, giving Eastern the ball.

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## Loss can't stain pristine season



FROM LEFT FIELD  
DAN WOIKE  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Panthers' 21-6 loss to Southern Illinois Saturday in the opening round of the Division I-AA playoffs spawned a lot of emotion.

There was frustration — frustration about dropped passes; frustration about losing a fifth-straight

playoff game.

There was disappointment. The disappointment came from a sub-par performance. It came from unforced errors.

And, there was sadness. Eyes were red and puffy. Voices were shaky.

It was the first time in nine weeks the Panthers lost. But it was the first time all season the Panthers looked defeated.

For Eastern's 15 seniors, it was all over.

Understandably, it was difficult for the Panthers to put things into perspective.

But Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said he knew what his team accomplished.

"I think something (the loss) overshadows is the kind of year we did have," he said. "This group did more than anyone ever expected them to."

That is true.

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## VOLLEYBALL OVC CHAMPIONSHIPS



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior libero Heather Redenbo records one of her match-high 32 digs in the Panthers 3-2 loss to SEMO in the first round of the OVC Tournament at Lantz Arena Nov. 18. Jacksonville State defeated EIU in the tournament finals.

## SEMO ends Eastern's year in five games

BY MARCO SANTANA  
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior outside hitter Jill Miller had five kills in the fifth and decisive game to help Southeast Missouri eliminate Eastern from the Ohio Valley Conference tournament Nov. 18, at Lantz Arena.

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks defeated Eastern Kentucky in five games to win the tournament on Nov. 20.

"There's nothing like it," JSU head coach Rick Nold said. "It's what you build for all year."

Miller made the all-tournament team for the Redhawks.

"She is a stud for us," head coach Renata Nowacki said. "We relied on her offensively just as much as defensively."

Miller finished the tournament with 32 kills and 24 digs in two matches.

Against SEMO, Eastern looked like the team that began the OVC season 9-0 at times, but more frequently looked like the team that ended up losing five of its last eight matches to finish the 2005 season at 16-9.

That was the case in game three, when the Panthers hit .044 and lost 30-21 to fall behind 2-1.

"It was a ball-handling issue," Eastern head coach Lori Bennett said. "We were pushing (sophomore setter) Maren (Crabtree) back and not allowing her to run our offense."

The team's slumps and its inability to get out of them has been an ongoing struggle all season, senior libero Heather Redenbo said.

Redenbo finished her career strong defensively with 32 digs.

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